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1. JUST PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF REFTEL, EMBASSY ECON OFFICER HAD OCCASION TO DISCUSS COBALT SITUATION WITH LLOYD SICHILONGO, JUST NAMED PERMANENT SECRETARY IN MINISTRY OF FINANCE. SICHILONGO, WHO IS MEMBER OF BOARD OF BOTH NCCM AND RCM, SAID ZAMBIA WOULD LIKE TO INCREASE COBALT SALES TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF CURRENT MARKET BUT THAT THERE WAS A SERIOUS PROBLEM WITH FINANCING ANY NEW EXPANSION. (SEPTTEL DEALS WITH RECENT FINANCIAL PROBLEMS BETWEEN AMAX, ANGLO-AMERICAN, AND GRZ.)

2. QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT ZAMBIA WOULD BE WILLING TO SHIP COBALT INTERMEDIATES DID NOT ARISE. GRZ POSITION GENERALLY IS TO DO AS MUCH PROCESSING AS POSSIBLE LOCALLY TO INCREASE EXPORT VALUE OF PRODUCT. THERE ARE EXCEPTIONS TO THIS POLICY AND EMBASSY WOULD URGE HALL TO FOLLOW UP HIS PROPOSAL. WE WILL RAISE ISSUE WITH MINING OFFICIALS AT APPROPRIATE TIME BEARING IN MIND CAUTION EXPRESSED IN PARA 5 REFTEL.

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